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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/572,172

Examiner

JASON FLOHRE

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 17 April 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-4 and 7-12 renumbered as claims 1-9 respectively.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Tuan V Ho/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2622

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-4 and 7-12 are allowed.

Claim 2 is allowable because prior art fails to teach a movement decision method for capturing sub-pixel motion image suitable for super-resolution processing wherein said one-dimensional moving direction of said image capturing object in a coordinate system normalized by aspect ratio of pixel of an image capturing element within said image capturing device is determined to p/q of a rational number, wherein: one pixel of vertical direction of said coordinate system is divided by an integer p , and one pixel of horizontal direction of said coordinate system is divided by an integer q , and wherein absolute value of said integer p and absolute value of said integer q are integers which are greater than or equal to 2650, in combination with the other elements of the claim.

Claim 3 is allowable because prior art fails to teach a movement decision method for capturing sub-pixel motion image suitable for super-resolution processing wherein a moving direction for setting value of an evaluation function $Cover(Lact)$ to be smaller than 1 is set to said one-dimensional moving direction of said image capturing object when magnification of said super-resolution processing is fixed and known, in combination with the other elements of the claim.

Claim 4 is allowable because prior art fails to teach a movement decision method for capturing sub-pixel motion image suitable for super-resolution processing wherein a moving direction for setting value of an evaluation function $SCover(LM)$ to be smaller

than 1 is set to said one-dimensional moving direction of said image capturing object, in combination with the other elements of the claim.

Claim 7 is allowable because prior art fails to teach or suggest an image capturing device which captures a two-dimensional sub-pixel motion image suitable for super-resolution processing, said image capturing device comprises: said image capturing element moving direction in a coordinate system normalized by aspect ratio of pixel of said image capturing element is determined to p/q of a rational number, one pixel of vertical direction of said coordinate system is divided by an integer p , and one pixel of horizontal direction of said coordinate system is divided by an integer q , absolute value of said integer p and absolute value of said integer q are integers equal to or greater than 2650, in combination with the other elements of the claim.

Claim 8 is allowable because prior art fails to teach or suggest an image capturing device which captures a two-dimensional sub-pixel motion image suitable for super-resolution processing, said image capturing device comprises: a moving direction for setting value of an evaluation function $Cover(Lact)$ to be smaller than 1 is set to said image capturing element moving direction when magnification of said super-resolution processing is fixed and known, in combination with the other elements of the claim.

Claim 9 is allowable because prior art fails to teach or suggest an image capturing device which captures a two-dimensional sub-pixel motion image suitable for super-resolution processing, said image capturing device comprises: a moving direction for setting value of an evaluation function $SCover(LM)$ to be smaller than 1 is set to said

image capturing element moving direction, in combination with the other elements of the claim.

Claim 10 is allowable because prior art fails to teach or suggest an image capturing device which captures a two-dimensional sub-pixel motion image suitable for super-resolution processing, said image capturing device comprises: said image capturing element moving direction in a coordinate system normalized by aspect ratio of pixel of said image capturing element is determined to p/q of a rational number, one pixel of vertical direction of said coordinate system is divided by an integer p , and one pixel of horizontal direction of said coordinate system is divided by an integer q , absolute value of said integer p and absolute value of said integer q are integers equal to or greater than 2650, in combination with the other elements of the claim.

Claim 11 is allowable because prior art fails to teach or suggest an image capturing device which captures a two-dimensional sub-pixel motion image suitable for super-resolution processing, said image capturing device comprises: a moving direction for setting value of an evaluation function $Cover(Lact)$ to be smaller than 1 is set to said predetermined direction when magnification of said super-resolution processing is fixed and known, in combination with the other elements of the claim.

Claim 12 is allowable because prior art fails to teach or suggest an image capturing device which captures a two-dimensional sub-pixel motion image suitable for super-resolution processing, said image capturing device comprises: a moving direction for setting value of an evaluation function $SCover(LM)$ to be smaller than 1 is set to said predetermined direction, in combination with the other elements of the claim.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 17 April 2009 have been fully considered and are persuasive.

The 35 USC 112 1st paragraph enablement rejection has been withdrawn.

The 35 USC 112 2nd paragraph indefiniteness rejections have been withdrawn in light of the applicant's amendments to the claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JASON FLOHRE whose telephone number is (571)270-7238. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sinh Tran can be reached on 517-272-7564. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO

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